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Country and Labor Suffer Irreplaceable Loss In Death Of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

In the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the people of this country and of the world have suffered so profound a loss that its full meaning cannot yet be grasped. He had become a symbol of leadership and power. It was unthinkable that he should disappear from the International scene and few people could conceive of our government without him. Thus his death, coming without any warning at a most tragically inopportune moment, shook every portion of a world that had come to regard him as a permanent and irreplaceable figure.

The history of his long term in the White House is a history of conflict and strife. The first four years, turbulent as they were, have come to seem almost peaceful in retrospect compared with the eight years that followed. During that first four years, the various groups in our country measured his policies and attitudes, and took their soundings of what could be expected in the future. For some of these groups, those soundings proved to be a bitter dose, and people who heard his first message to Congress after the opening of the second term were in no doubt as to the hostility and antagonism that lay in wait. They were not mistaken. From that time forward all gains were made only after implacable struggle and the creation of enmities that later destroyed many gains that should have been made.

Long and detailed accounts of his accomplishments have appeared in every paper. It is enough to say here that the work which he, himself, regarded as his greatest contribution during his years as President of the United States was the Social Security program. This was engineered through Congress in spite of intense opposition and often reluctant support. It is a program that falls far short of what is genuinely needed, and he would be the first man to admit its inadequacies were he able to speak. Domestic issues were necessarily relegated to second consideration after the outbreak of war, but no doubt he envisioned comprehensive additions to this program once our country was again at peace. It is up to the people of our country to see that these additions are made. They would constitute the best tribute that could be paid to his memory.

The people of this world have lost a good friend—and they know it. Those who supported him through his long struggles feel that never again can anyone speak for them so clearly. Those who opposed him unremittingly admit that a great man is gone. It is for history to evaluate his life and his work. Only the passage of years can reveal the vision of his policies and the validity of his conception of world peace. This is for the future to say. Now, less than a week after his death, it is only possible to say that we mourn the loss of a great man who believed in the potentialities for progress that lie in all peoples.

Federation Appeals To Congressmen To Oppose Elimination of New Ship Construction on Pacific Coast

In a letter addressed to all California Congressmen and Senators, the California State Federation of Labor expresses great concern over the recently announced plans of the Navy and the U. S. Maritime Commission to discontinue new vessel construction on the Pacific Coast. Information received indicates that such vessel construction will be greatly reduced by midsummer, and will terminate about the end of this year.

The plan of the Navy Department seems to be that work in the Pacific Coast shipyards will be restricted to ship repair work. Pointing out that 40 per cent of new ship construction in the United States during the present emergency originated on the Pacific Coast, and that at its peak, the Pacific Coast shipyards employed approximately 600,000 workers, the Federation's letter states, "The number of employes employed in shipyards has since been reduced, so that at the present time there are approximately 350,000 persons working in the shipyards. Of this number approximately 50,000 are employed in ship repair work."

Basing its statements upon reliable information, the Federation contends that ship repair work will not give employment to these 350,000 workers, or to any substantial portion of that number. Even if ship repair work is doubled, it will mean employment for a total of only 100,000 persons. A number of the yards will be permanently closed, because they are not equipped to handle ship repair work. This will effect the three large Kaiser yards in Richmond and the California Shipbuilding Corporation yard in Los Angeles Harbor. At the present time these three yards employ approximately 90,000 persons.

The Federation concludes its appeal by explaining that it is "interested in protecting the jobs of these workmen and in protecting the shipbuilding industry on the Pacific Coast. We believe that effective steps should be taken without delay to retain this valuable industry in California, so that it may continue to be an economic asset contributing to the well-being of our state and nation."

"Builders Of Victory" Program Broadcast Every Saturday, CBS

Local unionists are requested to listen in every Saturday on the American Federation of Labor program, "Builders of Victory," telling the dramatic story of Labor's own Seabees.

The AFL presents this program over CBS every Saturday at 3:45 p. m. eastern war time.

Veterans' Auxiliary Post To Install April 27th; Sewing Club To Meet Tuesday

Public installation of Union Labor Auxiliary No. 1917, V.F.W., Friday evening, April 27, 1945, at 8:30 p. m., Veterans' Memorial Building, Oakland. The public is invited. There will be refreshments served.

Regular meeting of Union Labor Auxiliary No. 1917, V.F.W. Sewing Club will be held Tuesday, April 24, 1945, at the home of Mrs. Mary Crosby, 4220 Montgomery street, Oakland. Meeting at 12 noon.

Loaded Rail Cars Not Being Sent Overseas

Apparently reports have been circulating that loaded freight cars are being shipped overseas. A. A. R. President John J. Pelley denied that such was the case, stressing that "cars have been and will continue to be unloaded at the ports and returned to the interior for railroad use."

New Industry Pact Praised By Green

The new labor-management pact will instil confidence in America's future and help to promote full production and full employment in post-war America, AFL President William Green declared in a nation-wide radio address over NBC.

Mr. Green appealed to labor, to employers and to the American public to support the new labor-management charter and to help put its principles into practical effect.

"It means," he said, "the substitution of democracy for autocratic control—real teamwork instead of a constant tug-of-war within the domain of labor-management activity."

But the charter does not mean, Mr. Green emphasized, that organized labor is attempting to interfere with managerial prerogatives. He explained:

"When we support labor-management cooperation, we are not offering industry a Trojan horse which will infringe upon the sphere of management."

Mr. Green welcomed the recognition of labor's rights by management, as expressed in the charter, "as a significant milestone in the nation's history." He expressed confidence that when these rights "are fully accepted and respected by industry, real teamwork between American labor and management will be achieved."

Mr. Green devoted a portion of his address to an analysis of the principles embodied in the charter which was drafted and approved by representatives of the AFL, the CIO and the United States Chamber of Commerce. He disclosed that a national committee is being formed to put the joint policies into effect.

"The makeup of this committee, in my judgment, guarantees that it will devote itself to the public interest and accomplish a great deal of good," the AFL leader declared. "But however high-minded the members of this committee are, however sincere their intentions and however intelligent their approach to the problems that will confront the nation when the war ends, they can make little if any headway without the support of the American people.

"And that is why I wish to invite workers and employers alike, in every city and town of our land, to study and analyze our new charter from their own point of view and give us the benefit of their counsel and judgment.

"As Eric Johnston said, there are two roads we can travel after this war. One will lead to a high degree of industrial peace; the other to industrial chaos. One road will mean high production, high wages and high levels of employment; the other will mean low production, lower wages and mass unemployment.

"I am certain that the American people will not permit themselves to be detoured from the main road which leads to national prosperity when peace comes.

"We have the power to produce what we need for a better life here in America. We have the plants and the machines. We have the raw materials. We will have skilled manpower in abundance, especially when our boys in the armed forces come home. All that is needed is confidence in America's future and I feel certain that the new labor-management charter will help to instil that confidence."

Contra Costa County Seeks Personnel Director To Install Merit System

Are you experienced in personnel matters? If so, you may be qualified for the new position which has just been established by the Contra Costa County Civil Service Commission—that of Director of Personnel. Three years of experience and college graduation, or additional experience to substitute, are required. The position offers the opportunity to install and maintain a merit system for county employes, to make a reputation in the field of personnel administration while so doing, and a salary ranging from $300 to $380 a month. Employment is in Martinez, the county seat of flourishing Contra Costa County. Application must be made to the Contra Costa County Civil Service Commission, Martinez, on or before April 30th.

GOUGING LANDLORDS TOLD TO OPEN BOOKS

Profit-hungry landlords who have been "jacking up" rents until tenants are in despair ran into an unexpected obstacle in New York.

Supreme Court Justice Irving L. Levy ruled that all property owners seeking rent increases must open their books to tenants or their lawyers, to enable them to determine whether increases are justified.

Green Launches AFL's Part Of Seventh War Loan Drive

Ringing of Liberty Bell Sets Off Intensive Campaign To Buy Bonds

With the ringing of the Liberty Bell seven times, AFL President William Green launched the Seventh War Loan Drive in Independence Hall. In a radio talk addressed to the entire nation, he urged workers to buy more Series E Bonds than ever before to make victory certain.

Flanked by distinguished representatives of government and industry, Mr. Green said:

"The need of the nation is greater than ever before. The cruel war in which we are engaged is calling for the sacrifice of human life. It is consuming all materials, service and contributions which we can make.

"Men and women of labor—friends of labor everywhere—hearken to the nation's call! Participate in the Seventh War Loan Drive by purchasing more bonds that you ever purchased in any previous War Loan Drive. Resolve firmly now to do this and by so doing help our brave fighting forces inflict the final blow upon our enemies on the battlefields."

Mr. Green recalled in his talk that organized labor took part in the earliest moves to gain independence in America when the Carpenters' Union of Philadelphia loaned its meeting hall to the founding fathers when they gathered to consider the Declaration of Independence.

"And now in the fight against nazism and fascism," he continued, "labor is responding and must continue to respond to the call of the government for service and support."

It is estimated that unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and the seven million members of the AFL have already purchased four billion dollars worth of War Bonds.

Mr. Green's talk launched another intensive drive to induce AFL members to invest another billion dollars of their earnings and savings in war bonds during the coming campaign.

Efforts will be made by the AFL's organizing and regional staffs to prevail upon workers to supplement their regular purchases of War Bonds, through payroll allotment, with extra purchases to the limit of their financial ability.

Mr. Green said that the payroll allotment plans, originated by labor, "will always stand as a brilliant page in the record of labor's war activities."

The ceremonies at Independence Hall were under the auspices of the Treasury Department, which is cooperating closely with labor in the bond selling campaign.

Steam Fitters Contribute To Red Cross



Mr. Earl S. Gibson, president of the Steam Fitters' Union, presents a check to Mrs. Roy Varien, of Red Cross, while Mr. O. T. Davis looks on. Self imposed assessments of $5.00 per member resulted in a sizeable check which was over and above other contributions to the Red Cross War Fund.

BOB ASH THANKS HIS SUPPORTERS

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to my many friends who worked for my election to the Oakland City Council.

Even though I lost the election, I feel that I have won a victory, because of the personal satisfaction gained in knowing I have a host of friends who worked with me and for me as hard as they possibly could.

This knowledge means more to me than to have won the election, and to have lost my many friends.

ROBERT ASH.

AFL Baseball Team Try-Outs Sunday

According to Charles D. Clark, president of the Eagles' AFL baseball league, try-outs will be held at Bushrod Park this Sunday at 10:00 a. m. for players wishing to play on the AFL teams.

West Oakland League try-outs will be held at Bay View Park.

East Oakland League try-outs will be held at the Castlemont grounds.

Players eligible for these try-outs must be between the ages of 14 and 16 years and boys reaching the age of 16 years after March first will not be eligible.

Try-outs will start at 10:00 a. m.

IBEW WINS ELECTIONS AT TWO UTILITY FIRMS

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers scored two more gains in its fight to bring the entire utility industry under the union banner.

Latest utilities to be added to the fold are the Florida Power Company, with headquarters at St. Petersburg, and the Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company, Columbus, Ohio. The Brotherhood won National Labor Relations Board elections among the employes of both firms.

A. F. of L. Councils Adjourn Meetings

The Central Labor Council and the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, meeting on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week, adjourned their meetings immediately after calling them to order by standing in silence for several minutes, and adjourning out of respect to the death of our late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mike McDonough Visits in Oakland

Mike McDonough, secretary-treasurer of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' International Association, is a visitor in Oakland this week. Mike, who is one of the home-town labor leaders who has made good in a big way, will be in Oakland for a couple of weeks. He has been kept busy since his arrival renewing old acquaintances and visiting some of his relatives.

Mike has held some of the highest positions in the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor. He was business representative of the Plasterers' Union, Local No. 112, in this city for many years and was also president of the Alameda County Building Trades Council many years ago.

His many friends in the labor movement are happy to have him back if only for a short visit. He will return to Washington, D. C., about the end of this month.

WISDOM

Liberty of conscience (when people have consciences) is rightly considered the most indispensable of liberties.—Chas. Haddon Chambers.

Attention!

MEMBERS OF COOKS' UNION

Next meeting, Wednesday, April 25th, at 3:00 p. m. A special meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing the convention fund, proposed loan to the building association, and an assessment for the building.

All members are urged to attend by Secretary Hub Badger so that a representative vote can be had.

TWO A. F. OF L. MEN RE-ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Two members of the A. F. of L. were returned to their office as city councilmen in Tuesday's election—Frank J. Youell, unopposed, from the second district, and James D'Arcy, recently appointed councilman from the sixth district. D'Arcy faced a field of three opposition candidates but was re-elected by a clear majority over these candidates. The results were 26,215 for D'Arcy; combined votes for the other three candidates, 23,410.

D'Arcy is the secretary-treasurer of Culinary Workers' Local No. 31, and was backed by a large number of labor leaders in the A. F. of L. unions.

The CIO candidate, Herman Bittman, running in opposition to D'Arcy, and the chief contender for the office, received only 13,619 votes, finishing in second place.

About 25 per cent of the registered voters exercised their privilege of voting in this great democracy of ours.

The voters of the city of Oakland have expressed their opinion and choice for city councilmen and it is our duty to back them up to the fullest extent, so let's put our shoulders to the wheel and put our city Oakland out in front for the post-war period.

Next election date is May 8th. Let's put the bond issue over so this city can take its rightful place as one of the foremost cities of the Pacific coast.

ARMY NEW THUNDERBOLT IS READY FOR JAPANESE

Built especially to deal with the Japs, the army's new Thunderbolt plane is now in production, it is revealed. The plane has a combat radius of 1,000 miles, a speed in excess of 450 miles an hour, and carries eight .50-caliber machine guns, 10 five-inch velocity rockets and two 500-pound bombs.

UNIONISTS REINSTATED

Eleven unionists who had been fired at Montgomery Ward's Chicago properties during the "union-busting" campaign of Sewell Avery, head of the mail order chain, were ordered reinstated by the National War Labor Board. The War Department, now managing the properties, is expected to restore the 11 to their jobs promptly, with back pay for the time they were out.

Better make that appointment today for that blood donation.

INTENSIVE WEEK SPENT BY LEGISLATURE IN SACRAMENTO

In the course of one of the most intensive periods of the State Legislature, and despite the setback resulting from political maneuvering by the opponents of health insurance, the Federation has hopes that the health insurance bill is not dead, and that with Governor Warren's insistence on the enactment of some prepaid medical health plan, there is still a possibility of getting such a measure adopted if labor will continue exerting its full pressure on the legislators.

Strenuous efforts were made by the proponents of the medical health bill to bring the measure to the floor of the Assembly for consideration by the entire membership. The roll call vote on withdrawing from the committee A.B. 449 (Thomas et al), which was considered first, was as follows: Ayes: Anderson, Beal, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Brady, Brown, Burkhalter, Burns, Carey, Collins, George D., Debs, Dekker, Dills, Ralph C., Doyle, Dunn, Emlay, Fletcher, Gaffney, Haggerty, Hawkins, Hollibaugh, Kilpatrick, Lowrey, Lyons, Maloney, Massion, McMillan, O'Day, Pelletier, Robertson, Rosenthal, Sheridan, Thomas, and Wollenberg.

Noes: Allen, Boyd, Burke, Butters, Call, Clarke, Collins, Sam L. Crichton, Crowley, Davis, Denny, Dickey, Dills, Clayton A., Erwin, Evans, Field, Fourt, Gannon, Geddes, Guthrie, Heisinger, Johnson, King, Knight, Kraft, Leonard, McCollister, Middough, Miller, Price, Sawallisch, Sherwin, Stephenson, Stewart, Stream, Thompson, Thurman, Watters, Watson, Weber, and Speaker Lyon.

A.B. 800, the Governor's bill, mustered four more votes than the other measure, but this was still short of the number needed to bring it out of committee. Following is the vote: Ayes: Anderson, Beal, Beck, Bennett, Berry, Brady, Brown, Burkhalter, Burns, Carey, Collins, George D., Debs, Dekker, Dickey, Dills, Ralph C., Doyle, Dunn, Emlay, Fletcher, Fourt, Gaffney, Haggerty, Hawkins, Hollibaugh, Kilpatrick, Lowrey, Lyons, Maloney, Massion, McMillan, O'Day, Pelletier, Robertson, Rosenthal, Sheridan, Thomas, Waters, and Wollenberg.

Noes: Allen, Boyd, Burke, Butters, Call, Clarke, Collins, Sam L. Crichton, Crowley, Davis, Denny, Dills, Clayton A., Erwin, Evans Field, Gannon, Geddes, Guthrie, Heisinger, Johnston, King, Knight, Kraft, Leonard, McCollister, Middough, Miller, Price, Sawallisch, Sherwin, Stephenson, Stewart, Stream, Thompson, Thurman, Watson, Weber, Werdel, and Speaker Lyon.

The following bills passed the Assembly during the past week:

A.B. 331 (Gaffney et al) provides for stricter regulation of the employment of minors in the amusement industry by making the statute affecting these minors applicable to those employed indirectly through a third person, such as a theatrical agent, and adds a penalty clause for violation.

A.B. 334 (Gaffney et al) clarifies the handling of weights by women employes, so as to cover all objects that must be moved or lifted by them, rather than "receptacles" and their contents.

A.B. 370 (Sheridan), a compensation insurance bill, provides that the average wage of a person under 21 years of age shall be deemed to be $38.46. This qualifies a minor for maximum disability benefits. The present complicated practice is to base the amount of compensation on what the estimated earnings of such a person would be when he reached the age of 21.

A.B. 872 (Maloney), another compensation insurance bill, calls for a 10 per cent increase in compensation awards, whenever there is unreasonable delay in payment.

A.B. 873 (Maloney) liberalizes compensation insurance through the granting of a pension for widows and children of industrial accident victims. The award under the present law in case of death is arbitrarily fixed at $6000. Under the proposed bill, income for dependents is assured throughout their period of need. Although this measure was strenuously opposed, it finally carried by a vote of 45 to 23.

A.B. 1732 (Sawallisch) changes the law in regard to trespass so that it might, under certain circumstances, be applicable in labor disputes. The vote was 48 to 10.

A.B. 1913 (Call) grants to all salaried state employes the full amount of overtime to which they are entitled. Under the present procedure, the salary of an employe who receives over $250 per month is considered to be only $250 for purposes of computing overtime.

A.B. 2807 (Johnson) extends for two years the emergency relaxation of laws affecting the employment of minors with clarifying and strengthening provisions.

A.B. 2088 (Johnson) carries practically the same provisions as A.B. 2087, but applies to women instead of minors.

Other legislative activity of interest to labor was taken by committees of both houses. A.B. 1537 (Lyons et al), an unemployment insurance bill sponsored by the Federation, extends to 26 weeks the benefits to which all recipients of unemployment insurance are entitled, assuming that such applicants are without work and otherwise eligible. The present benefit period ranges from nine to 25 weeks. The department estimates that had such a measure been in effect in 1944, payments from the fund would have increased by four per cent. The Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance gave it a "do pass," by the following vote: For: Carey, Crichton, Clayton A. Dills, Haggerty, Lyons, Maloney, Miller, Pelletier, and Waters.

Against: Johnson, King, Knight, Middough, and Stream.

Absent: Sam Collins, Fourt, and McCollister.

S.B. 1096 (Shelley et al) identical with A.B. 1537, did not get out of the Senate Committee on Social Welfare, where the vote was tied 5 to 5. The bill therefore remains on file for future action.

A.B. 1538 (Lyons et al), reducing the waiting period for unemployment insurance from two weeks to one week, was given a "do pass" by the Senate Committee on Social Welfare. As it has already been passed by the Assembly, it is treading close to the tapeline. The count was 6 to 4, with Senator Mayo, chairman of the Committee, not voting. Following is the record of the vote: For: Brown, Cunningham, Dillinger, Donnelly, Judah, and Shelley: Against: Deuel, Mixter, Ward and Weybret.

S.B. 1093 (Shelley et al) went out of the same committee on a voice vote. It provides variable disqualification of one to five weeks for voluntary quits, discharge for misconduct, wilful misstatement in filing of claims, and for refusal to accept suitable employment. In the present bill, penalties are: voluntary quits, two weeks; discharge for misconduct, six weeks; wilful misstatement, six weeks; and refusal of suitable employment, permanent and indefinite.

The so-called "subversive bill," A.B. 2096 (Kraft), was discussed in a previous issue of the Journal. Concerning this bill, the San Francisco News observed as follows: "California neither wants nor needs any such law. It dangerously opens the way for persecution and witch hunting by forces inimical to organized labor." The bill failed to receive favorable recommendation in the Assembly Judiciary Committee and was finally yanked out of the committee by its proponents after the addition of amendments which still failed to remove labor's objections to the measure. It gives an employer the right to discharge any worker, who, in his opinion, seeks to overthrow the government by force and violence.

S.B. 829 (Ward) received a favorable recommendation despite protests from labor representatives. This bill shortens to one year the time within which suits can be filed to collect on any labor claim. The present provisions allow workers from two to four years to begin action on wage claims. This measure is viciously discriminatory, as it does not change statute of limitations on demands for anything but wages. The vote on this bill was as follows: For: DeLap, Kuchel, Quinn, Rich, Salsman, Tenney, and Ward; Against: Carter, Dorsey, Swing, Keating; Absent: Desmond.

A.B. 1953 (Davis and Call), the infamous DeMille bill, went out of the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations without recommendation and with only two members of the committee voting against the action. The dissenters were Gaffney and Hawkins. This anti-labor measure would prohibit unions from levying any assessment for political purposes, without restricting the right of any employer's organization to finance campaigns inimical to the rights of labor. Before the bill was voted out, a motion to table lost by the close margin of eight to seven. Committeemen voting to table were: Dekker, Fletcher, Gaffney, Hawkins, Hollibaugh, Rosenthal, and Lyons; Against: Butters, Davis, Gannon, Geddes, Guthrie, Stephenson, Stewart, and Thompson.

Declares Laws Won't Stop Demonstrations

Government efforts to keep the brake on popular demonstrations when the war is won in Europe brought sharp criticism from Senator "Happy" Chandler (Dem., Ky.).

"No law Congress can pass," he said, "and no regulation any officer of the government can issue is going to stop people from celebrating a little when we finish whipping Germany.

"Better whisper this—but there even may be some folks who will take a drink or two or three."

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LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

How the Women Are Helping Through Their Organizations

LABOR TEMPLE AUXILIARY

SPRING WHIST

Tomorrow evening the Auxiliary holds its annual "Spring" benefit whist. We would appreciate your cooperation in making this a very successful evening by being in attendance and bringing your friends. Play will begin at 8:00 p. m. Score cards 40c. Many cash awards to be given, also the grocery basket to be awarded. Many unions have been very generous and have been lending their aid in supporting our organization by purchasing tickets for the whist, of which we are very grateful.

RED CROSS

We had a very pleasant surprise last Wednesday at the Red Cross gathering. Mae Franklin, a former member, paid us a visit and had lunch with us. Mae has been a resident of Compton, California, for some time now and accompanied her husband, Bill, here, as he had to come to this area on business. We enjoyed seeing you again, Mae, and hope your visits will be more frequent in the future.

SICK AND CONVALESCENT

Our president, Rosemary Padfield, is improving slowly and hopes to be able to conduct our next business meeting.

Jane Cain is getting along nicely and we hope to have you with us at our next meeting, Jane.

Pearl Hulbert, who has been suffering with a sprained ankle, is able to get around more. We will expect to see you again soon, Pearl.

Hello! Tessie. Just want you to know that we still think of you and are looking forward to the day that you will again be with us.

NOTES

There are no birthdays nor wedding anniversaries to be celebrated next week as far as my records show.

Sorry to hear of your mother's accident, Virginia, but very glad to know that your son has been home on a furlough.

Our next business meeting is only a couple of weeks off, May 1st, and it will be the last meeting of your present officers in their respective chairs. The June meeting will find the newly elected officers in office, as our installation will be held during the latter part of May.

Just received word that Lillian Anthony's fractured right foot had to be put in a cast. Sorry to hear this, Lillian.

Don't forget your next meeting night, May 1st.

DOROTHY THRALL,
Recording Secretary.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Good morning, and what beautiful rays of sunshine are greeting us today. Everyone is happy to welcome this gay Spring morning.

Last Friday was social night for our Auxiliary; let me tell you that the committee in charge sure put on a spread which will be long remembered. Home-made cakes of all descriptions. The tables were so inviting. A lovely bouquet of lilacs blending so nicely with the lavender candles. Girls, you sure know your stuff, and a big thank you to Nathaly who was in charge, and to her co-workers, Mrs. Nall, Mrs. Kinney and Ida Manning. Our brothers of No. 36 joined us for the fiesta.

While the members and guests were still seated, our president, Levah Pedersen, stood silently, and after a well worded invocation led us in reverence, and a prayer was sent to Heaven and there near God will meet our most beloved president. The labor people as well as a nation has lost a great friend, his memory like a monument will live in the heart of his fellow Americans. Appreciation goes deeply to the broadcasting stations and to their well chosen artists whom on the strings of their Stradivarian played his last eulogy. But let's not lose faith and give the new commander-in-chief our trust and cooperation like Franklin Delano Roosevelt would want us to do.

Agnes Elzig reported her son, now in France after his release from the hospital. He too, suffered wounds for the defense of this land of ours.

Another great soldier is now home recuperating from injuries inflicted by shrapnel. He is the son of Veronica Walsh, a bad break in his arm is slowly healing. Dora's family also is pushing along the front lines. We bow to you boys; you have what it takes.

Flo had her hands full for the last two weeks—a daughter ill, and friend husband had his teeth on repair.

Friday the Red Cross will meet again at the same address—642 Alcatraz avenue, Oakland. Welcome, every one—with your lunch buckets, of course. A surprise may be in store for you.

Business meeting the 27th. Please attend.

Best returns to Mrs. Kinney on her birthday.

Support the organization — buy war bonds and blood is still needed.

Sincerely yours,
BEATRICE CHRISTENSEN,
Press Correspondent.

MACHINISTS' AUXILIARY No. 97

Our last regular meeting was held on April 12th, with President Olive Harvey presiding. Officers Stephson, Nicholas and Hare were absent. Sisters Feddersen, Rodgers and Gerholdt acted in their places.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 20th (today)—Sewing day for the Ways and Means Committee, at the home of Mabel Balli.

April 20th (tonight)—Meeting of the Past President's Club, at the home of Evelyne Gerholdt.

April 24th (evening)—Meeting of the Christmas Committee, at the home of Evelyne Gerholdt.

April 26th (evening)—April social meeting of the lodge. This is also the night of the revealing of the mystery sisters. Be sure you have a gift there for your mystery sister. The past presidents will have charge of the social and refreshments and will award their miscellaneous box. Do you have your tickets yet? If not, you had better hurry; they are 10 cents each or three for 25 cents, and the box will be worth much more than that. Proceeds from this box will go into the philanthropy fund.

May 9th, war relief sewing, at the home of Wilma Binger. This was changed from May eighth because of election day.

NOTES

The bingo game was a huge success and the Christmas Committee thanks everyone who attended and helped to make it such a success. Special thanks goes to Jack Balli for doing the calling, he really did a swell job.

It is good to know that our members who have left the bay area still think of us; greetings were received from Isabelle Helmuth in Paradise and Jessie Robbins in Santa Rosa. Thanks, girls, and we send our greetings to you and to all our out-of-town members.

Special greetings are extended to all our members who are ill. We sincerely hope you are improving daily. Tho' the days seem long and dark now, we must remember to keep our chins up and that brighter days are ahead.

Please phone TRinidad 7684 if you have any news for the paper. I write this column on Monday evenings.

ALPHA E. FEDDERSEN,
Recording Secretary.

Technical Engineers Win Railroad Election Test

Technical employes, as represented by the International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Unions, have scored another victory on the railroads.

In a National Mediation Board election, employes of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co. (Frisco Lines), members of Local 201 of the Technical Engineers, won 100 per cent of the valid votes cast for representation. Coverage includes all technical employes of the mechanical, valuation, civil, bridge and signal departments.

Assisting in the case was N. M. B. Mediator Ross R. Barr. Local secretary Stanley McCarthy and International President Foster Pratt were present at the counting of the ballots.

This is the second such victory for the international in recent months. An earlier one involved similar classes of employes on the Boston & Maine road.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS' NOTES

BY S. J. DONOHUE: From current rumors, there appears to be more or less of a universal approval of a code of principle adopted by the American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations, and the United States Chamber of Commerce. Among others who have paid tribute to the vision and what he calls statesmanship of these three groups is Dr. George W. Taylor, the new chairman of the War Labor Board.

From information which has all the earmarks of being authentic, the code was adopted following a series of meetings held in Washington, D. C., having been designed to provide a framework within which labor and management can work in partnership to expedite the war and help post-war activities.

The code outlines that the management will have the right to direct the operations of an enterprise that is explicitly required and labor the right to organize and engage in collective bargaining; differences between management and labor can be disposed of by peaceful means, which would have the effect of avoiding strikes and lockouts.

Another object which the code would permit and encourage is a vast increase in foreign trade and establishment of an international security organization and finally, it would be agreed upon that a committee be set up composed of a representative of labor and business organizations to promote a clear understanding and acceptance of this code and principle.

The code was signed by William Green, president of the A.F.L., and Philip Murray, president of the C.I.O., and Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

As it is still in its infancy, it would be difficult to predict what the results of this code of principle will bring about. However, I presume that as in every other agreement or contract between labor and employers, there is a clause where it is subjected to change or modification, or cancellation. This, of course, is merely the writer's opinion.

STEAM FITTERS' NOTES

BY CURLEY DAVIS: With the passing away of President Roosevelt, we of labor lost a real friend and neighbor. Yes, he is gone, but surely each April 12th will bring thoughts of his smiling courage and memories of fireside chats borne anew upon the breath of each new spring.

May we remind the members that due to the unforseen death of President Roosevelt, we adjourned our last meeting in his honor. So therefore, President Earl Gibson has called April 26th a special meeting to finish the business of last meeting.

We have the official report on the death of Brother Harry Rachow who passed away March 31st in Vallejo. May his slumbers be in peace.

Bob Badley flew in bringing his usual laughing good nature, like a fresh salt breeze from the sea. Again we wonder what puts the call of the sea into the blood of our Steamfitters hi! ho!

Pvt. Wm. J. Work dropped in. He is stationed at the Mitchell Field Hospital from wounds received on the Leyte battlefront. The writer is sorry he missed Bill when he called. Come in again soon, will you, Bill?

Be sure to attend the meeting of April 26th. Many matters of importance pertaining to our trade must be acted upon. We will be looking for you.

WHAT NEXT?

Battelle Memorial Institute, research laboratory at Columbus, Ohio, has invented a simple gas-pipe device which keeps locomotives from smoking. During tests on engines in operation firemen objected to the roaring noise the device made, so Battelle scientists promptly developed a silencer.

The Postman Speaks

By A. B. McCLINTOCK,
President, Branch 76, N. A. L. C.

America . . . On the Army Hour program Sunday, one of the most poignant demonstrations of American democracy was given when an army corporal, an enlisted man, gave a general, one of the highest ranking officers of the U. S. Army, a sort of modified third degree. It happened this way: There has been quite a bit of headlines and publicity in regard to the way some of the prisoners of war from Nazi Germany are being coddled and treated better than our own boys who are fighting and dying on the Western battlefront. How much of it is true, or how much just publicity, I do not know. It doesn't really matter too much for the purposes of this little story. The point is the corporal wanted to know how come that the Nazi prisoners were being fed caviar, taken to dance with American girls, and in general being treated like guests of honor. Well, the general answered courteously and with evident sincerity as he told the corporal that no such things were happening and that while we were not being as barbarous as the Nazis and the Japs, that we were adhering strictly to the terms of the Geneva pact. The corporal asked him how about the reports that some of them wouldn't obey orders and what happened when they wouldn't work. The general promptly told him that they were put on a bread and water diet until they got in the notion, and that in the more flagrant cases, they were dealt with according to military rules and regulations, which was not a slap on the wrist. Can you imagine such a thing happening in the German army, or any other but our own? . . . America . . . The President of the United States about to make his maiden address, with all the world listening, and, just as he was about to start being interrupted by the distinguished Senator McKellar saying, "Wait a minute, Harry, I've got to present you first." Can you imagine that happening any place else but in America? Calling the President by his first name, with millions of people listening in. Of course it was just one of those little things that wasn't supposed to go out over the air waves, but it demonstrated democracy at its best . . . America . . . The land where you can write and talk and worship as your conscience dictates. Where you can moan and groan about the way things are run by your city, state, or national government, but woe to the outsider who tries to tell you what is wrong with your country. He is liable to get a good, swift kick in the pants, or a stiff punch in the nose.

114,199 WOMEN NOW WORK IN RAIL SHOPS

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Meany Hits Plans Of Left-Wing Labor

The American Federation of Labor still believes faithfully in the principles of the Atlantic Charter and will endeavor to have them fullv applied, "with consistency and vigor" in our nation's foreign policy, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany declared in an address before the Central Trades and Labor Council in New York City.

With this as his text, Mr. Meany proceeded to deliver a slashing attack against the so-called "World Trade-Union Conference" recently held in London.

After outlining the four major reasons why the AFL refused to participate in this conference, Mr. Meany declared:

"Now that the so-called labor conference is over, it is most interesting and enlightening to take note of the results and of the evident intentions of those who dominated its actions. A week or so after the adjournment of the conference, a lawyer in Mexico City announced that he was going to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco in April as one of the representatives of the conference to speak for all the workers of the United Nations. Sir Walter Citrine made a similar announcement from London a few days later and on March 13th the president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO) said he was going to San Francisco as a member of the same group for the same purpose. Well, there it is.

"A self-constituted committee representing themselves to be the spokesmen for world labor at a conference of nations. Are they operating in the field of world politics on the basis of any authority given to them by democratic action of workers anywhere in the world? No—they are not. Do they have an organic body established by workers through democratic action? No—they do not."

Exposing the "essentially political character" of the conference, Mr. Meany pointed out that the Soviet Unions, claiming to represent 27 million workers, were able to dominate the meeting along with support from other communistically-inclined labor groups.

Also, of the 35 countries supposed to be represented at the conference, 15 were British colonies and possessions. Included in this group, Mr. Meany said, were Sierra Leona, Northern Rhodesia, Gambia, Cyprus, Jamaica, Gold Coast and British Guiana, none of which has a recognized labor movement.

Pointing to the AFL's long record against fascism and aggression, Mr. Meany concluded:

"Who were the real friends of Britain in America when she was fighting with her back to the wall? We did not suddenly discover on June 22, 1941, that Hitler and his gang were a menace to free men everywhere in the world. We were aware of this long before that time. It was not necessary for the American Federation of Labor to turn any somersaults in June of 1941. The stark truth of this matter is that we occupy the same position today as we did in all the years when aggression was on the march.

"In the final analysis, we can sum all of this up and say that the American Federation of Labor has fought for the principles embodied in the Atlantic Charter for 60 years before there was an Atlantic Charter. And even though there are those here in America who do not like to hear the Atlantic Charter mentioned because its principles do not seem to find favor with one of our fighting allies, I can assure you here tonight that the American Federation of Labor still believes in these principles and will in the future apply them with consistency and vigor as a standard of conduct for itself—for its friends—and in its relations with trade unions of other countries."

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NATIONAL HEAD OF SCHOOL EMPLOYES MEETS WITH LOCAL UNION OFFICIALS



General President of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes Arnold S. Zander, and General Representative Harry Wolf, were entertained by officers and members of Alameda County School Employes' Union, Local No. 257, at dinner and a special meeting. Those attending dinner, reading left to right, are H. E. Loretz, president, Alameda County School Employes' Union, Local 257; Harry Wolf, general representative, and Arnold S. Zander, general president of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes; Don M. Witt, business representative of Local 257; R. J. Johnson, secretary, and Edward Schwingen, past president of Local 257. Don Witt, business representative of Local No. 257, said all workers in the city, county and state institutions are eligible to join this union. Witt was complimented on his fine showing in organizing the school employes of this area.

TEXAS LEGISLATOR CHARGES BRIBERY PRACTICED BY ANTILABOR RACKETEERS

W. W. Bridgers, veteran member of the State Legislature, charged in a sensational, signed article published by the El Paso Times that some members of the Legislature are being bribed to vote in favor of antilabor legislation.

High-paid lobbyists literally infest the State House, Bridgers declared. There are so many of them, he said, that members of the House, arriving at a daily session, "have to elbow their way through the congregated lobbyists who virtually block the great door of the House of Representatives.

For one day they vanished—the day that a committee of the legislature began an investigation of the charges that the "Christian American Association" and other racket organizations had been spending money freely to promote several drastic antiunion bills pending in the legislature.

After the first day of the probe, they were all back again, however, Bridgers pointed out.

Bribery of the solons goes on freely, he said. "Money has always been spent in influencing the legislature," he explained. "As time goes on more and more money is spent."

(Austin, Tex.—Despite scandalous charges concerning its backing, the Texas House of Representatives passed by a close vote of 68 to 63 and sent to the State Senate a bill outlawing the closed shop.)

The sad part of it all, Bridgers declared, is that some legislators are "bought so cheaply as to make one blush at the thought of it." Some sell their votes merely for liquor and entertainment.

"This is not an indictment of the legislature as a whole," he stressed. "It is an indictment of those few weaklings who are controlled by the blandishments of highly-paid gentlemen."

Lobbyists have been particularly active in trying to put over the so-called Bell-Nicholson "freedom to work" bill, designed to outlaw "union shop" agreements and thus cripple unions in the Lone Star state, Bridgers declared.

One of the foremost lobby organizations for that bill has been the "Christian American Association," run by Vance Muse, who has been exposed by the Scripps-Howard papers as a cheap "racketeer."

"Money means nothing to the interests that are promoting the bill," Bridgers charged. "It is the reactionary, anti-New Deal influence which is spending millions not only in Texas but in other states in opposition to organized labor.

"It is a movement to break down living wages; a movement by bigmonied interests fighting for large scale poverty—interests that frankly believe in poverty for the masses and riches for the few."

The El Paso solon-columnist also riddled claims by Muse that labor organizations have poured in money to defeat the antiunion legislation.

"You can take it from me, from personal, close-up observation, that there is no scintilla of truth to this charge," he said. "It is merely one of the adroit schemes for muddying the waters. Representatives of organized labor here in Austin are fighting the bill with their bare hands, so to speak."

Bridges wound up with a few choice blasts at Senator W. Lee O'Daniel, who has been going up and down the country propagandizing for antilabor laws. When O'Daniel ran for his first office, that of governor, "dimes, quarters and dollars of small people financed his campaign," Bridgers said.

Later O'Daniel got all his money from big interests, turned his back on the common people and has become a wealthy man, "owning his own ranch now."

ANTILABOR MEASURES NOT FARING WELL

Labor is due to emerge from the state legislatures this year with a much better batting average against antiunion laws than in either 1943 or 1944. In those two years a half dozen states enacted drastic laws designed to smash unions.

So far in 1945, however, out of 16 states which have finished their sessions, only one—South Dakota—has put through a straitjacketing law to outlaw "union shop" agreements. In most of the other 15 antilabor bills were killed outright or buried with adjournment, while in several foes of unions ran up the white flag at the outset and didn't even introduce any restrictive legislation.

ARMY IS CRITICIZED FOR NAZIS' ESCAPE

Army officers in charge of a war prisoner camp near Phoenix, Ariz., were raked over the coals by the House Military Affairs Committee for permitting the escape last Christmas Eve of 25 Germans. They were accused of "laxity and inefficiency" and with having failed to provide adequate safeguards.

All the escaped prisoners have been recaptured and disciplined, but the committee said the incident may be repeated unless administration is tightened.

GREEN SUPPORTS WAGE DEMANDS OF MINERS

AFL President William Green pledged support to the United Mine Workers in their current critical fight for wage adjustments.

"The miners have always received too little and never too much," he declared in a public statement. "The American Federation of Labor stands with the mine workers in support of the justifiable fight which they are making to secure decent wages and humane conditions of employment. It is my opinion that the coal operators should have promptly granted all of the demands which the miners made."

Extension of the existing contract pending further negotiation on the terms of a new agreement was directed by the National War Labor Board and agreed to at the last moment, thus averting another coal strike at least temporarily.

PUBLIC UTILITY WORKERS JOIN ELECTRICIANS' UNION

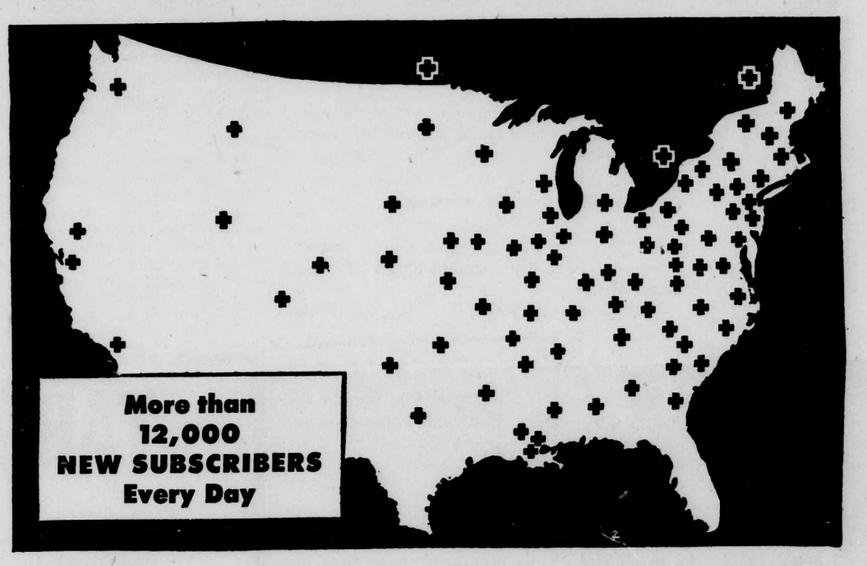
Another utility, the Public Service Company of Colorado, Boulder district, has been brought into the fold of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The National Labor Relations Board certified the I.B.E.W. as bargaining agency after it had won an election by better than a 2-to-1 majority.

The union was also certified for employes of radio station KQW, San Jose, operated by the Pacific Agricultural Foundation. The I.B.E.W. defeated the "independent" National Association of Broadcast Engineers and Technicians in an election at the station by a 3-to-1 margin.

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt may go down in history as the architect of world peace or as an outstanding military strategist, but to the men and women of labor in this country he will always stand as the great champion of the cause of the underprivileged.

To them the true test of his greatness was that he never lost touch with the common man.

It is far too early to attempt to evaluate in terms of lasting importance the vital economic and social reforms instituted by President Roosevelt to strengthen and amplify the American way of life. The list is tremendous. But to the workers of the nation, these measures appear outstanding:

1—The National Recovery Act, which sparked the stalled economic machinery of the nation back into motion and served a highly useful purpose even though it was later invalidated by the Supreme Court.

2—The National Labor Relations Act, regarded as labor's Magna Charta, which gave official blessing to collective bargaining and guaranteed the right of workers to organize and join unions of their own choosing.

3—The Social Security Act, which, though still imperfect, helped to banish the fear of poverty in old age and in temporary unemployment.

4—The Fair Labor Standards Act, which set a floor for wages and a ceiling for working hours and helped millions of workers in oppressed industries to escape from starvation conditions.

5—The Federal Deposit Insurance Act, which insured and protected the hard-earned savings of the masses.

These were the big reforms of the Roosevelt administration. But above and beyond these, was the spirit which initiated them and which was ever ready to give prompt and sympathetic attention to the troubles of labor.

Franklin D. Roosevelt made mistakes, too. But they were the mistakes of a warm heart. He could be stern as well as kindly. He could reprimand as well as praise. But labor always found him just and responsive.

Labor's loss in his death cannot be expressed in words. He will be mourned—mourned by men and women who never saw him in the flesh, who never spoke to him, but for whom he will always remain a symbol of kindliness and decency.

SOMETHING WRONG HERE

Accidental deaths to children have increased more than any other age group during the war period, the National Safety Council says.

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SLAVE LABOR BILL KILLED; VOLUNTARY PLAN DYING

If any kind of manpower legislation is adopted by this Congress, it will be voluntary in character.

This constructive situation resulted from the smashing defeat of the job-freeze "compromise" by a 46 to 29 vote in the Senate after the House of Representatives had approved it.

The Senate, on motion of Senator O'Mahoney, of Wyoming, voted to send the matter back to conference with representatives of the House in an attempt to force a vote in the House on the voluntary manpower bill originally approved by the Senate.

However, the House was in an extended Easter recess and further action may be delayed.

The Senate vote bars any further attempt to push compulsory manpower legislation into law at this session, observers agreed. Unless the House concurs in the Senate bill, no manpower legislation will be adopted.

With victory in Europe in a matter of weeks being freely predicted, many lawmakers joined labor leaders in expressing fears that the nation will be plagued with manpower surpluses, instead of shortages, before the end of the year.

The ridiculousness of tightening manpower controls in the face of onrushing unemployment has become so apparent, that Congressional leaders are beginning to believe that there is no need for any manpower legislation.

Strikes Provoked By Employers and By Government Agencies, Morse Says

Many wartime strikes have been provoked by employers and by government agencies, Senator Wayne L. Morse, of Oregon, former member of the National War Labor Board, declared in a nation-wide radio address.

In most of the strikes he has dealt with during the war the employers' hands have "not been lily-white" and many bosses have imposed upon labor's no-strike pledge to "goad workers to the limit," the Senator said.

"During this war the public, at least in the headlines, has been fed strike news, but little news about the unworthy conduct of employers which too frequently has been provocative of labor unrest," he continued.

"Too often employers have taken advantage of labor's pledge not to strike by refusing to settle shop grievances quickly and fairly. Some employers have attempted to break a union by such well-known tactics as refusing to bargain or by stalling bargaining or by supporting a rival union or by showing various forms of favoritism designed to stir up dissension, jealousy and dissatisfaction between workers and union officials."

Propagandists have blamed labor for "loafing" in war plants, but the fact is, Morse said, workers have struck in protest against being forced to loaf. Time and again, with little success, he declared, union officials have pleaded with management and government agencies to give plants more contracts, to "permit the men to do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay," or else transfer them to other plants where they could be fully utilized.

Morse charged, too, that "the government must take its share of responsibility for wartime strikes" because it has not always "kept faith with its obligations" to settle strikes quickly and fairly.

He condemned particularly the administration's action in super-imposing the Office of Economic Stabilization, and the Office of War Mobilization on top of existing dispute adjustment agencies.

Local Memorial Day Committee Organizes

Representatives of the various veteran groups have elected officers to prepare plans for the Memorial Day services for our honored military dead in the various resting places in metropolitan Oakland, according to Louis J. Jordan, general chairman. Other members of the committee include Jim Pearson, W. F. Mattfeldt, May G. Woodman, Major James Buchana, Mrs. Pearle Cronin, Mrs. Lena Moore, Ray Dumser, Charles Rakestraw, L. L. Bradley, Hugo Jouvenal, O. F. MacFarland, honorary chairman, and J. S. Dumser, past national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, chairman emeritus.

WISDOM

All wealth is the product of labor.—John Locke.

AFL Federal Aid For Education Bill Before Congress

The granting of federal aid for education and the preservation of the fundamental principles of labor's fight for federal aid to education is provided for in S. 717, a bill sponsored by the American Federation of Labor and introduced by Senators Meade and Aiken. The bill provides for state control of education, establishes a national board advisory to the Commissioner of Education, provides for surveys to determine need for aid, provides for the protection of minorities, would make necessary the continuation of state appropriations, and encourages state planning.

Aside from other administrative proposals, the bill requires that federal funds must supplant state funds in financing educational work. It also gives aid to all students for services, as well as establishing aid for the needy students. It limits the combined hours for work and school to eight in any one day and 48 in any one week.

The distinctive features of the bill are the following: it is aimed at permanent and not as an emergency aid; while it prohibits the use of federal funds for instruction purposes in non-public schools, it does make aid available for services and scholarships for all children; while protecting state control, it makes sure that state funds are not supplanted, that all parts of a state get aid, that plans be submitted and reports made showing how funds are used to equalize educational opportunities; it guarantees money for teachers' salaries; it makes aid available for every American child.

It is urged that all unions request the California Senators to support this measure.

Retail Clerks Triumph In Big Election Test

The Retail Clerks' International Protective Association won one of the largest and most impressive election victories in the union's history in a poll conducted by the National Labor Relations Board among employes of the Jordan-Marsh Co. of Boston.

The vote showed a total of 933 workers choosing the AFL union as their collective bargaining agency while 574 cast their ballots for no union. John J. Murphy, assisted the AFL union in the organizing campaign.

SENATE TO START HEARINGS ON PROSPECTS OF ATTAINING JOBS-FOR-ALL IN POST-WAR

Public hearings to develop all the facts bearing on full employment after the war will be opened by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee soon Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, its chairman, announced.

Before Senator Wagner's committee, when the projected hearings begin, will be the full employment bill of which he is one of the sponsors, the others being Senator James E. Murray of Montana, Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah, Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Representative Wright Patman of Texas. All the sponsors would make statements at the opening of the hearings, Senator Wagner said.

In his statement Senator Wagner described mass unemployment as the "greatest threat" to the freedom of the nation's economic and political institutions and declared that it would make it "impossible" for the United States to exert its full influence toward a lasting peace.

The purpose of the hearings, he stated, are twofold: To develop "the basic facts" about what full employment and full production will mean for the American people, and to explore the most practical methods for achieving "the best possible conditions" of employment and business activity.

The committee, he added, would seek to present a "concrete proposal" that would represent a minimum of disagreement about methods and a maximum of agreement "based upon knowing the facts and discussing the facts calmly and democratically without bias or prejudice or emotion."

Witnesses from "all walks of life" would be called, Senator Wagner said, and testimony from war veterans would be awaited most "anxiously."

In his statement he used the term "full employment" throughout and did not mention any specific goal, such as the 60,000,000-job figure frequently used by the Administration spokesmen.

Newspaper Says War Objectors No Better Off Than Slaves

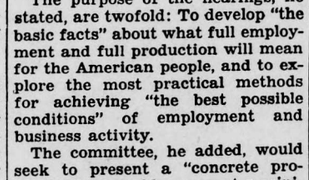
Taking notice of the fate of some 8,000 conscientious objectors now at forced labor in Civilian Public Service camps and hospitals, where they receive no pay, no compensation for accidents, and no allowance for dependents, the Columbia, South Carolina, State commented editorially:

"Many a farmer and other operator of a business would more than gladly take over a group of workers under those conditions. In fact, we believe that the Negro slaves of the South fared about as well in compensation as is indicated here. They got lodging, clothing, all they could eat, and in many cases, some spending money, besides small parcels of land to work for their own benefit."

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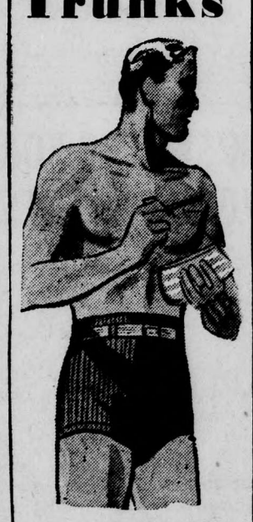
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